

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Tadimitsu KISHIMOTO *et al.*
Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING
IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 11, 2009. Although this amendment is filed after receipt of a final rejection, the subject matter which forms the basis of the rejections has been cancelled. Entry and consideration is therefore believed proper. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: